

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Andreas SCHAEFER, *et al.*  
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RIB RULES  
Examiner : Paul Danneman  
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Confirmation No. : 6307

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2008, please reconsider the above-captioned application for the following reasons:

**Amendments to the Claims** are found in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.